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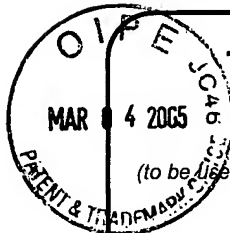
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Response is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 14, 2005, the thirty-day shortened statutory period for response to which is set to expire on March 16, 2005.

An amendment to the title appears on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper;

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 16 of this paper;

Corrections to the drawings are identified on page 19 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 20 of this paper.

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows:

**~~SUPPORT STRUCTURE METHODS~~ FOR THINNING SEMICONDUCTOR
SUBSTRATES AND ~~THINNING METHODS EMPLOYING THE~~ THAT EMPLOY
SUPPORT STRUCTURES FORMED ON THE SUBSTRATES**